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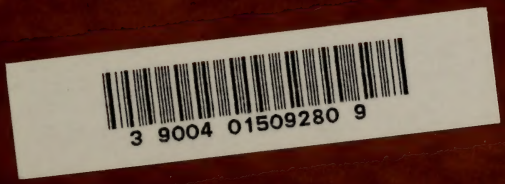

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Cast

Miss Canada	Italy
England	Japan
Scotland	Serbia
Ireland	Belgium
Britannia	Uncle Sam
France	John Bull
Russia	Johnny Canuck

A Boy Page.

Costumes

Miss Canada.—Smart frock, loose robe of white muslin—Canadian flag in breast—tiara of maple leaves.

England.—Queen Elizabeth style—silk dress, bright border pleeted, close fitting bodice, frills on neck and sleeves, hair in rolls.

Scotland.—Highland dress of tartan.

Ireland.—Green skirt— short flowing bodice, shamrock in hair.

France.—Pink skirt, blue apron, dotted, embroidered bodice, coiffe.

Russia.—Cloth suit bound with thick fur—high head dress bound under chin with kerchief.

Japan.—Kimona, loose sleeves, tucked up over pink skirt, high coiffure, long pins.

Italy.—Pink skirt, green overskirt, a high colored band about waist, open front, strings of beads, long flowing coiffe, kotted behind.

Serbia.—Striped skirt in color, blue or red, bright silk belt, scarlet cloak, head dress of black crepe, full as in mourning.

Belgium.—Light green or mauve dress, dark cape to waist, flowing kerchief on head.

Uncle Sam.—Typical figure, striped trousers, short and caught about foot, spangled waistcoat, cut away and plug hat with spangled ribbon.

John Bull.—Stout, long boots broad banded tops, black open coat, Union Jack on breast.

Johnny Canuck.—In Khaki.

Britannia.— Flowing white robes reaching floor, belt and sword, helmet and trident. Union Jack draped from shoulders.

Page.—Short trousers close, bowed at knees, cape caught on right shoulder, hat with feather.

Stage.—Flags of Allies freely displayed—a drawing-room, raised dais with steps in centre—figures group about Britannia as they are welcomed, ready for final tableau. Leaders should be singers. These may be supported by a hidden chorus to support.

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Miss Canada—

"I give to night a welcome
To friends from many a land
True envoys who have pledged their faith
For liberty to stand
There's Scot and Saxon, Celt and Frank
Jap, Italian, and Russian
Belgian and Serb, sad sisters both
And lastly Uncle Sam.
They've joined their might for human right
With brave John Bull to stand
Then let us cheer for never fear
We'll gain the end we've planned.
So bid them welcome one and all
Who've been so true to duty's call
For partners of our joy they'll be
When victory crowns you and me.

(*Page announces England, Ireland and Scotland.*)

England—

Greetings to you, fairest daughter
In such troublous times as these
We have learned to put a value
On our boys beyond the seas.
These my sisters have come with me
To do honour to this land
Linked by ties ne'er to be broken
Close united heart and hand.*

(**Here the three join hands England in centre.*)

Scotland—

"Britain call us, will you please,
Three stout hearts that beat as one."

Ireland—

"No Home Rule can disunite us,
Till our last day's work is done."

(*Enter Britannia—Takes seat on dais, others facing with low courtesy.*)

(*Chorus and orchestra—"Rule Britannia."*)

(*Page announces France.*)

France to Canada—

France brings greetings to the Allies,
None we're prouder of than thee,
Canada, who sent he sons to help us
Win the fight for liberty.
Sunny France will not desert you,
Fairest "Lady of the Snows,"
Till the last Hun trench is taken
From our proud and cruel foes.

(*Orchestra or chorus—"La Marseillaise.*)

Canada to France—

France we honor for her courage;
France's sons have fought like men.
We have helped you win at Ypres,
And we'll strike for you again.

(*Page announces Russia.*)

Russia to Canada—

Men may look askance at Russia,
Question if her faith be true,
But we've something to our credit
You will find.
When the story of this carnage
Has been told for all to read,
Russia's heart to yours right gladly
You will bind.
Surely we must stand united
When the Hun invades our lands.
Each needs each a trusty ally,
Heart to heart and hand to hand.

Canada to Russia—

Come and welcome, faithful ally,
Fierce the fight you've waged to win.
We will put the Prussian peace off
Till we meet you in Berlin.

(*Orchestra or chorus—Russian National Anthem.*)

(*Page announces Italy.*)

Italy to Canada—

When Italia at the outset
Saw the wreck of Belgium,
She decided that no longer
She'd be wedded to the Hun.
So she joined the honest Allies,
And her might at Austria hurled.
We are proud to be your ally;
Fight and die to save the world.

Canada to Italy—

Long live the land of freedom
Which Garibaldi won.
We knew such land would never stand
A slave to Turk and Hun.

(*Orchestra or chorus—Garibaldi's Hymn.*)

(*Page announces Japan.*)

Japan to Canada—

From the cherry blossom kingdom,
With my parasol and fan,
Seeking entrance to your council,
I have braved the stormy seas;
'Twas our part in this great conflict
To from China chase the Hun.
So I think we've earned some credit
If you please.
Call us not "the yellow peril,"
Trust the happy Japanese.
Prove us worthy of your friendship,
For you need us times like these.

Canada to Japan—

We know the Jap's a fearless chap.
He's courage to the core.
We must succeed, but if in need,
We'll ask you fight once more.

(*Orchestra—Japanese Processional March.*)

(*Page announces Serbia.*)

Serbia to Canada—

Serbia, stricken, broken-hearted,
Cannot cheer your festive board,
But in your deliberations
I would like to have my word;
To subdue these German tryants,
Drive the despot from our lands.
Weeping, bleeding, little countries
Crave your help to find a way;
Send your help to close our gates;
'Tis the privilege of all
Who are strong to help the weak,
Who are big to help the small.

Canada to Serbia—

Noble sister, clad in mourning,
You your part have bravely borne.
Strike once more, we'll join to save you,
And restore you to your own.

(*Orchestra or solo—Serbian National Anthem.*)

(*Page announces Belgium.*)

Belgium to Canada—

Lastly come I, little Belgium,
You'll forgive my coming late,
For grave affairs detained me at my home,
With my cities all bombarded,
My land left desolate,
My people scatter'd all abroad to roam.

But we kept the tyrant back,
We delayed his bold advance,
When his mailed fist threatened England
And the doors of sunny France.

Canada to Belgium—

You are welcome to our party,
None more honored here can be.
We'll not sheathe the sword till Belgium
From the oppressor's hand is free.

(*Orchestra or solo—Belgian National Anthem.*)

(*Enter from right Uncle Sam and from left John Bull and Johnny Canuck arm in arm. They meet in centre and step to front Uncle Sam linking arms on open side of John Bull.*

Uncle Sam—

"We the first of Britain's children
In the land beyond the seas
Greet you, fairest of her daughters,
None we're prouder of than thee.
Hand in hand we've worked together
In a hundred years of peace
Read the world a glorious lesson
May the omen never cease.
But the German spoiled our vision
And his might at freemen hurled
Aimed to rule by sword and slaughter
Conquer and enslave the world.
Britain, France and Russia fell in,
Italy next and then Japan
Indians, Africs, Anzacs, Canucks
Last but gladly, Uncle Sam.

Langemarck, Ypres, Somme and Vimy
Mark the spirit of Domremy,
Could I stand and let you free me?
Proud I am to let you see me
Linked with Britain, arm in arm,
And your brother, for no other,
More I honour; together we will stand
Till success our banners crown
When we've borne the Teuton down.

Miss Canada—

You're welcome brother Jonathan,
We feel we're quite in luck
To have you join up forces now,
With brother Jack Canuck
And now autocracy is doomed
With all its hatefull brood
And common man will take his stand
Where God had planned he should.

(*Orchestra or chorus—"Star Spangled Banner."*)

Canada to All—

Strangers, fair, you all are welcome,
Entertain no doubt of that.
To the council chamber let us now repair,
There is much that needs discussion,
Ere our plans are all complete.
Our conclusions must be all both just and fair,
So we bid now good night,
And kind friends when next we meet,
It will be in celebration
Of victory complete.

(*Tableau and chorus—"The Maple Leaf," "O Canada."*)

(*Chorus—Orchestra accompaniment—"Good Luck to the Boys of the Allies."*

(*Fanfare of Trumpets.*)

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